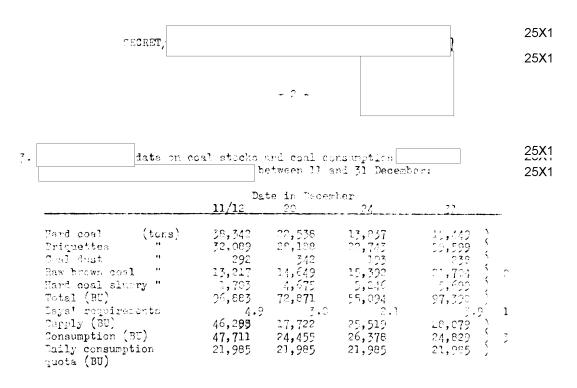
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY **REPORT** 25X1 INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. DATE DISTR. COUNTRY 21 March 1955 East Germany 25X1 Coal Situation of the East German Railroads NO. OF PAGES SUBJECT NO. OF ENCLS. 25X1 PLACE (LISTED BELOW) **ACQUIRED** DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. INFO. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED. 25X1 THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1 the following coal stocks, expressed 25X1 in daily requirements, were available to the East German railroads between 14 December 1954 and 2 January 1955: Reilroad District Date in December in Jordany 26 2 18 30 5.0^{25X1} 4.2 3.8 4.4 Borlin 3.3 3.7 5.3 6.6 8.2 3.9 3.0 3.4 Greifswald 3.4 3.5 8.6 3.0 2,1 6.9 Schwerin 3.6 3.2 2.8 3.1 2.9 3.3 Magdeburg 4.1 2.8 2.8 Halle 1.9 2.1 2.6 Trofurt/ 3-5 3.3 2.3 2.5 2.5 3.2 4.2 Dres**dé**n 3-9 3.0 1.9 2.7 4.3 3.8 Cottbus 2.2 2.5 2.9 --;---£ Average 3.8 2.4 4.3 4.0 3.2 2.2 25X1 the following coal stocks expressed in tons, were available to the East German railroads between 14 Pedomber and 2 January: Coal for Locomotives Date in Brown Coal Shap Coel in Terms of Hard Coal Troember Briquettes 31,500 31,300 30,900 31,000 36,800 31,900 17,700 18 29,200 23,500 35,200 55,600 15,200 32,600 15,900 January 55 16,500 61,000 32,100 2

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On 21 December, coal stocks decreased to 1,9 days' requirements because shipments from Poland were temporarily discontinued. To keep up railroad operations, Minister President Otto Grothewohl, therefore had to order the requisition for railroad consumption of coal shipments estimated for household consumption. Hard coal slarry cannot be loaded during frosty weather. Part of the regain installations of RAWs had to be closed temporarily because of a shortage of coal.

	omment. Compared to the last reported status of 14 December on 4.9 days' requirements were recorded, total coal stocks	
	l about constant with 5 days' requirements on 5 January.	25)
	During that period, however, coal stocks	25)
dwirdle	t to 4,9 days requirements on 21 December, which was the	
lowest	amount reported so far and necessitated special measures.	
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Comment. Total coal stocks on 5 January amounted to 122,680 tons (BU) including 34,104 tons (BU) of hard coal, 76,953 tons (BU of brown coal briquettes, 2,794 tons (BU) of hard coal slurry, 8,230 tons (BU) of raw brown coal, and 599 tons (BU) of brown coal dust. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks, which, on 14 December, was 59 percent decreased to 28 preent.	25 X
Comment. During the reported period, 117,603 tons (BU) of coal were supplied and 123,373 tons (BU) were consumed.	25X
Comment. Previous information indicated that, shortly before Christmas, trucks were hauling coal for the firing of	25X
locomotives from railroad stations to other railroad stations in need in order to keep up operations.	25X 25X
Comment. Hard coal slurry is affected by frost because of its high mossture content.	25X
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